

Advice Gratis.

NEVER be idle; always have something on your hands, said the glove-dealer.

Never use tobacco in any form, as the father remarked when he took the quid out of his mouth and put his pipe in.

Count ten before you speak. This is peculiarly applicable to caucus usage, except that it might stop the stream of eloquence that now make the American caucus so edifying.

Never leave that till to-morrow which you can do to-day. Put in all the loafing you can to-day; you may not get a chance to-morrow.

"Do as I do, can't you?" These are words that are continually being acted out. If you follow another's example he will presently turn about and complain that you are aping him. Some folks are hard to satisfy.

Never say dye! The barber will overlook it in you, however, if you say it to him.

When a man advises you to take some patent remedy, make sure that he isn't its proprietor or an undertaker.

Never take offense. It will not be considered cow-yard-ly, however, if you take a fence when a Texan steer is looking at you between his horns.

Never speak ill of another. If you can't say a good word, say nothing. And the man who said this went out the next morning, and lo and behold! his acquaintances had every one of them lost their power of speech. And he marveled greatly.

Jones says that he has always made it a point to obey his parents. When he was young they advised him to keep away from the water. "And if you will believe it," he says, "I haven't allowed a drop of water to come near me this ten years—excepting what was necessary for bathing purposes, you know."

We asked the provision dealer to advise us which kind of potatoes to purchase, Early Rose or Jackson, and he unhesitatingly said "Jackson." Because he happened to have Jackson and the man across the way Early Rose didn't prejudice him in the least, it will be observed.

Lawyers and doctors get paid for their advice. Other people give it away with a sublime generosity.

When your friend says, "Take my advice," don't do it. Tell him you would rather take anything but that from him. It is his brightest possession.

"Let's cut off our tails!" Thus said the fox. His tail had been cut off. It was but a coincidence, but his proposition was tabled without dividing the house.

Advice is like a railroad train—easy to take, but hard to follow.—*Boston Transcript.*

Two Very Tall Skeletons.

THE following was copied verbatim from a note made in his pocket almanac by the late Judge Atlee: "On the 24th of May, 1798, being at Hanover (York County, Pa.) in company with Chief-Justice McKean, Judge Bryan, Mr. Burd and others, on our way to Franklin, and, taking a view of the town, in company with Mr. McAlister, and several other respectable inhabitants, we went to Mr. Neese's tan-yard, where we were shown a place near the currying house from whence (in digging to sink a tan-vat) some years ago, were taken two skeletons of human bodies. They lay close beside each other, and measured about eleven feet three inches in length; the bones were entire, but on being taken up and exposed to the air they presently crumbled and fell to pieces. Mr. McAlister and some others mentioned that they and many others had seen them, and Mr. McAlister, who is a tall man, about six feet four inches high, mentioned that the principal bone of the leg of one of them, being placed by the side of his leg, reached from his ankle a considerable way up his thigh, pointing a small distance below the hip bone."—*Harrisburg (Pa.) Telegraph.*

THE Railway Benevolent Institution of Great Britain is a grand charity, which has no counterpart in this country. During the past year it distributed to widows, orphans and disabled members over \$80,000. Its operations are to be still further extended. Among other plans is one for the erection of an orphanage, toward which one lady has pledged £2,000, and a legacy of \$10,000 has recently been left to the institution.

—Crystal Hill Cave, near Stroudsburg, Pa., has just been carefully explored by Professors Leidy and Porter. The bottom was found to be covered with clay, on the top of which was a deposit of a dark substance, and on this is an incrustation of lime, which has fallen from the roof of the cave. It is the deposit of rich, dark material that particularly interests the scientists. The explorers found many indications of the presence in the cave at one time or another of many animals, some of which were doubtless brought there by animals of prey, and others used it for their dens. Among the bones of animals were the jawbones of the raccoon, skunk, weasel, beaver, squirrel, porcupine, woodchuck, fox, wildcat, elk, deer, and bison; the shells of two or more turtles, the bones of wild turkeys, and the vertebrae of snakes in large quantities. The most interesting specimens found, however, were the head and teeth of a gigantic beaver and a large peccary, neither of which have ever been found before in Pennsylvania. Besides these were bones which had been burned and split—evidently the work of the aborigines, who sought the marrow. Indian relics were also found. A flint spear-head was picked up far back in the cave, embedded in the clay. How it came there is a mystery, unless some Indian, entering the cave and finding a wild beast there, attacked it, and this spear, hurled at the animal, missing its aim, sped far back into the recesses, and there remained. No other traces of any kind indicate that the portion of the cave had been visited by man or beast.

—The town residence of Baroness Burdett-Coutts is a very spacious and lofty brick mansion, with deep bay windows. It stands in Piccadilly, next to the old-fashioned home of the Duke of Devonshire, from which it is separated by Stratton Street. The house was formerly her grandfather's, and he also owned a splendid mansion next door, now also hers, which his widow bequeathed for life to her second husband, the Duke of St. Albans, with the proviso that none of his family, the Beauclerks, whom she loathed, were to be permitted any enjoyment of it. Lady Burdett-Coutts has never been a success as a party giver, although from time to time entertaining extensively. She has been addicted to giving enormous and uninteresting dinner parties, and crowds her ball-rooms with people who are neither useful nor ornamental. She has no country house except a villa at Highgate, near London, where her pleasantest entertainments, in the form of garden parties, are given; but these are far less elaborate than the festivities of the old Duchess of St. Albans at the same place, where the eating was so good that the dowagers were known to run the gauntlet of the tables and take a protracted peck at each. Lady Coutts has always maintained a strict economy in the management of her establishment, and vigorously contended against any attempt on the part of tradesmen or servants to swindle her. Probably her living expenses do not exceed \$60,000 a year.

"Oh, yes, Charley's a nice fellow enough; only a little green you know." "You should remember, Tom," replied his cousin Lizzie, casting a significant glance at the young man's nose, in which the red was slowly but surely eclipsing the white—"you should remember that green is a sign of safety and a red a danger signal."—*Boston Transcript.*

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